

GR North League Rules - 2025 Spring Season - April 6th

All FIFA Laws Of The Game 2023-24 Will Be In Effect Unless Otherwise Stated In GRN North League Rules

Law #1: The Field Of Play

* A 50 x 100 yard field should be used or as close to this size as possible. An 8 x 24 foot goal should be used or as close to this size as possible.

Law #2: The Ball

* The Under 12 (U12) Division will use a size #4 ball, and the Under 15 (U15) Division will use a size #5 ball.

Law #3: Field Players

* A program must make it known at the preseason meeting if a team/s of theirs is not be able to play 11v11 due to smaller sign-up numbers. When competing against this team/s, opponents will play 9v9, 10v10, or 11v11. If a team has 11 players along with a substitute player, it will be an 11v11 game. If a team has 10 players along with a substitute player, it will be a 10v10 game. If a team has 9 players along with a substitute player, it will be a 9v9 game. If a program doesn't make it known at the preseason meeting, the opponent will not be required to play with fewer players unless it chooses to do so.

* A proportional number of girl and boy players must be on the field.

* A team may use a Guest Player, a player from another same-level team within their program, for a game if it cannot field 11 players along with a substitute player.

* A substitution may only be made when there is a stoppage of play. Before a kickoff, after a score, before a throw-in, if the team throwing-in is substituting a player, before a goal-kick, or before a corner-kick. A player wanting to substitute must be in or close to the substitute box at the time of the stoppage of play, with all players entering and leaving the field from the substitute box.

Law #4: The Players Equipment

* Refer to FIFA Laws Of The Game.

Law #5: The Referee

* The home team will supply 1-3 Referees per game. If there is just 1 Referee Club Linesman can be used if adult volunteers are available, in which case one adult from each team will be asked to help the Referee with the ball out of play calls only. Referees should be USSF certified if possible.

Law #6: The Assistant Referees

* When having 3 Referees, 1 Center Referee, and 2 Linesmen (Assistant Referees).

Law #7: The Duration Of The Match

* U12 Division, Two 35 minute halves with a 5 minute halftime. U15 Division, Two 35 minute halves with a 5 minute halftime. Should a game end in a tie, there will be no penalty kick shootout to decide the winning team.

Law #8: The Start And Re-Start Of Play

* Kick-Off, the ball can be played backward. Whenever a Drop-Ball is used, never inside the penalty area, it will involve only one player, a player from the team that last made contact with the ball. All other players must be 5 yards from the drop.

Law #9: The Ball In And Out Of Play

* Refer to FIFA Laws Of The Game. Play is stopped if the ball makes contact with the referee and restarts with a drop ball.

Law #10: The Method Of Scoring

* Refer to FIFA Laws Of The Game.

Law #11: Offside

* Refer to FIFA Laws Of The Game.

Law #12: Fouls And Misconduct

* Referees need to be instructed to adhere to the FIFA Laws Of The Game and GRN North League modifications. Both the U12 and U15 Divisions being recreational levels of play, this should factor into the Referees calls because of the wide range of player experience and skill on the different teams.

Law #13: Free Kicks

* Refer to FIFA Laws Of The Game. Wall, offensive players are not allowed to be in it and must be at least one yard away from any part of it.

Law #14: The Penalty Kick

* Refer to FIFA Laws Of The Game. The goalkeeper defending against a penalty kick will be allowed to have one foot into the field prior to the ball being in play, provided that some part of the other foot is on and remains on the goal line.

Law #15: The Throw-In

* Refer to FIFA Laws Of The Game.

Law #16: The Goal Kick

* Refer to FIFA Laws Of The Game. The ball must be stationary and be kicked from any point within the goal area. The ball is in play when it is kicked and clearly moves, opponents must be outside the penalty area until the ball is in play.

Law #17: Corner Kick

* Refer to FIFA Laws Of The Game.

Miscellaneous Rules

* A, Heading: U12 Division, not permitted. U15 Division is permitted if both participating programs are in agreement to do so. The Program Director will make this call, not the coaches. In a game in which heading isn't permitted, should a player use their head, an Indirect Free Kick will be awarded to the opposing team.

* B, Slide Tackling And Kicking: Slide tackling and kicking will not be permitted. Players must make every effort to stay on their feet.

* C, Team Colors: In the event of a conflict, the home team will be required to wear an alternate color jersey or vest.

* D, Situation: Should a coach, player, parent, or referee have a situation, they should report the situation to their program's director. With the involved program directors addressing the situation.

* E, Referee Proficiency: Should there be an incident where a Referee was grossly incompetent or a player's safety was jeopardized, it should be reported to the home game program director to address with the referee.

* F, Inclement Weather: Should it be necessary to cancel a game, this can be decided by both teams Coaches at least 2 hours in advance with the Coaches calling and emailing their Program Directors to update them before they begin making parent update calls and texts. Should it be necessary to cancel a game at halftime or later, the game will be considered a completed game. Should a game end before halftime, the coaches can agree on a reschedule date/time/location and submit their rescheduling request to their Program Directors for approval.

* G, Field Conditions: Should it be necessary for a Program Director or Head Coach to cancel a game due to field conditions, the Program Director or Coach must call and email the visiting Program Director and Coach the day before.

* H, Lightning: Once sighted, a game must be suspended. A game can continue once 30 minutes have elapsed since the last lightning strike. If a game cannot continue after 60 minutes, the game will be canceled. When lightning is observed or thunder is heard, the game must be suspended, the occurrence of lightning or thunder is not subject to interpretation or discussion.

* I, Seating: Spectators must sit on the opposite side of the field from the teams, and not with their teams nor on the ends of the field.

* J, Flags & Banners, NWYSA Fields, The only flags that are permitted to be displayed at any soccer activity are the United States, NWYSA, and Walker Charter Academy flags. Banners, The only banners that are permitted are soccer-related banners.

* K, Club Level Players, No more than 1 in 6 players on a team can be a club level player.

* L, Game Days, U12 Division, will play on Saturdays unless needing to schedule a weeknight game, such as in the case of Memorial Day Week. U15 Division, will play primarily on Saturdays with some weeknight games.

* M, Standings, no standings will be kept.

* N, Trash: **Visiting teams, along with their spectators, must police their area for trash after a game out of courtesy to the home team.**

